

III. REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A. Status of the Application

Claims 1 – 31 and 96 – 126 are currently pending. No claims are being amended, added, or canceled from the immediately prior version of the claims. However, for the convenience of the examiner (and all viewers of the electronic file), the immediately prior version of the claims is submitted in the above Listing of Claims. Reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

B. Omission in Immediately Prior Response

On April 18, 2006, Applicants filed a response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed December 27, 2005. Applicants received an Office Action mailed June 21, 2006, stating that the response filed April 18 was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because the response failed to include a discussion of the substance of the personal interview held April 12, 2006.

Applicants' counsel sincerely apologize to the Examiner for failing to include a discussion in the immediately prior response of the substance of the personal interview held April 12, and respectfully submit the present paper in response to the Office Action mailed June 21. As required by the Office Action mailed June 21, the present paper provides the subject matter not included in the Applicants' immediately prior response.

C. Examiner Interview dated April 12, 2006

Applicants' counsel wish to thank the Examiner for his time and the courtesies extended during the personal interview conducted on April 12, 2006. Applicants' counsel submit that the following issues were discussed during said interview:

1. Applicants' counsel submitted that U.S. Publication No. 2004/0262000 to Morgan ("Morgan") and U.S. Patent No. 6,964,302 to Luke ("Luke") were not available as prior art against the subject application pursuant to 35 USC § 103(c)(1), and offered to provide a statement of common ownership with respect to each, so as to remove both Morgan and Luke as references.

2. Applicants' counsel further submitted that Luke is a parent case of the subject application, and therefore subject matter that is claimed in the subject application, which is also fully supported under 35 USC § 112 by Luke, is entitled to the benefit of the filing date of Luke. With the exception of the proportioned fluid loss additives recited in claims 15 and 17, the subject matter described in claims 15 and 17, (and in claim 1 from which each depends), is fully

supported under 35 USC§ 112 by Luke. Thus, Applicants' counsel submitted that Luke is not prior art against such subject matter.

3. Applicants' counsel submitted that they intended to amend Claim 1 to recite a method requiring a cement composition that includes at least 20 weight percent zeolite, a first fluid loss additive having a first molecular weight, and a second fluid loss additive having a second molecular weight that is less than the first molecular weight. The first fluid loss additive would be required to be present in an amount that is less than the amount of the second fluid loss additive. Applicants' counsel submitted that such a method is distinguishable over the applied references, and moots the obviousness double patenting rejection over Morgan.

4. Applicants' counsel further submitted that they intended to file additional independent claims reciting methods that required a cement composition that included various ratios of fluid loss agents and at least 20 weight percent zeolite.

5. The examiner indicated that an amendment(s)/response as outlined above could be favorably considered, but no agreement was reached, pending consideration of the actual amendment, as filed.

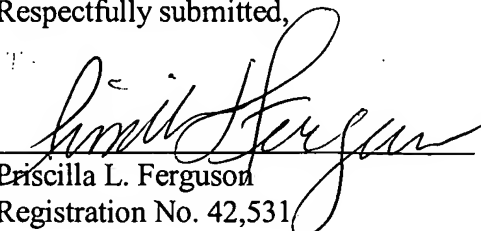
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that Applicants' response dated April 18, 2006 should now be considered fully responsive to the Office Action dated December 27, 2005. Allowance of claims 1 – 31 and 96 – 126 is respectfully requested. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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